(c) and (d) After appraisal of discoveries, their commercial viability or otherwise is determined and import of hydrocarbons would reduce to the extent of production from the commercial discoveries.

Allotment of petrol pumps to dependants of CISF

2117. SHRI S. M. LAL JAN BASHA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have followed a policy of rewarding the widows of personnel of CISF with allotment of petrol pumps and LPG agencies after their spouses' deaths in Kashmir;

(b) the number of such applications pending from spouses of CISF personnel killed in action in Kashmir;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government have originally promised such assistance;

(d) the reasons for the deliberate go-slow of Government in this regard; and

(e) the date by when such promises are likely to be met by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) to (e) Till the dissolution of all the Dealer Selection Boards (DSBs) after the deregulation of the Petroleum Sector with effect from 1.4.2002, 8% reservation was provided in the guidelines for the Police/Paramilitary/Government Personnel (PMP) category including widows/dependants of the CISF personnel killed/died while in service in Jammu & Kashmir and other parts of the country.

The Government has earmarked a discretionary quota of dealerships/ distributorships for allotment on genuine compassionate grounds to deserving persons in the following categories:—

(i) Dependants of Defence/Paramilitary/Police personnel, who are killed in action or persons permanently disabled while performing their duties and have not been suitably rehabilitated;

(ii) Dependants of Central/State Government employees, who are killed or permanently disabled while performing their duties and have not been suitably rehabilitated.

Dependants of the CISF personnel who are killed in action in Jammu & Kashmir and other parts of the country are also eligible to be considered for allotment of dealerships/distributorships under the discretionary quota.

Allotment of petrol pumps on lease basis

2118. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV.: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that public sector oil companies are allotting petrol pumps on lease basis for eleven months;

(b) if so, the details of such allotments made by the each of these oil companies in Bihar and Jharkhand as on 31 st January, 2003; and

(c) the plan for allotment of more such petrol pumps in these states during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Pipeline projects in Bihar

2119. SHRI VIJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have received any representation from Bihar Government regarding pending pipeline projects in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government on the representation so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.